

Allen-Scott Report

Old State Problem

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The State Department's "most disturbing security problem" is homosexuals among its personnel of all rank.

Scores of sex deviates are weeded out annually, but the pressing problem of eliminating these extremely vulnerable security risks remains unsolved.

That is the starkly blunt report William J. Crockett, deputy undersecretary for administration, made at a closed-door meeting of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Said the veteran career official, in over-all charge of State Department security:

"Homosexuality is the most disturbing security problem in the department. From 80 to 100 sexual deviates are quietly removed from the department each year. But many still remain."

Crockett's startling testimony is part of an exhaustive study the subcommittee, headed by Senator James Eastland, D-Miss., has been conducting for several years of the security systems and procedure of the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency.

More than 10 witnesses have been interrogated, and upwards of 20,000 pages of testimony and documentary evidence filling 14 volumes have been accumulated. This huge mass of highly revealing information is slated to be published before the new Congress convenes in January.

The subcommittee's report and explosive findings are uneasily awaited at the White House, State Department and CIA.

They are bound to have stormy repercussions involving a number of high-placed officials. The chances are strong that some "heads may roll", and that vehement demand will be made in Congress for drastic corrective measures.

One of the most revealing documents to be published in the Senate subcommittee's voluminous report is a detailed State Department account of how the Communists use homosexuals and women to entice Americans to betray their country.

Citing specific cases, this lurid State Department paper was prepared particularly for personnel assigned to Iron Curtain countries.

The document warns flatly that the use of sex relations, especially abnormal, is a regular practice of Red secret police, and that the utmost vigilance must be exercised to avoid such entrapment. Instances are related of shocking negligence and carelessness.

Publishable highlights of this extraordinary State Department document are:

"The use of photographs of sexual relations for coercion is portrayed in an intelligence report concerning an American employe of the department who was supposedly engaged in homosexual activities with a foreign national. The Communist secret police confronted him with photographs of these activities and threatened to forward them to his superiors if he did not cooperate.

"In another case concerning a married man's illicit relations with a foreign woman, the American was similarly threatened with exposure via threatening photographs. Threats of exposing sexual relations have also been used against unmarried Americans.

"The almost incredible aspect of sex entrapment is that some employes have reportedly continued to expose themselves to this danger and subsequently were subjected to secret police recruitment attempts even after

their indigenous partner advised them that she was under secret police direction.

"In one case an American is reported to have continued sexual relations in the apartment of an admitted secret police agent even after she advised him the photographic equipment was installed in an adjacent room.

"Whether the American involved is specifically forewarned, however, is irrelevant. Experience dictates that every U.S. employe in Eastern Europe must consider such tactics a definite possibility. Furthermore, it should not be assumed that the offices and homes of U.S. employes in Eastern Europe are a sanctuary from such tactics.

"Foreign secret police also apparently try to lay the foundation, including the utilization of voice recording devices, for recruitment attempts based on sexual relations in supposedly 'safe' quarters.

"Communist foreign intelligence agencies avidly seek personal data concerning American officials. At least one of the uses of this information is to determine whether an individual can be recruited into foreign intelligence and espionage work.

"Efforts are reportedly still made to get our people drunk for such purposes. Also a foreign agent reported that when she failed to get a U.S. employe drunk, the secret police ordered her to put 'knock-out drops' in his drinks so that she could go through his personal belongings."